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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

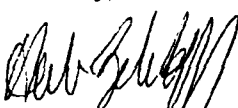
I am an architect with his own firm. I am well versed in business and business practices which is why I am thoroughly annoyed with the lawsuit brought against Microsoft. The whole process was one of professional jealousy than any monopolistic business practices.

The antitrust laws were set up to protect the consumer; Bill Gates did nothing but help the consumer. He standardized computer software; he made computer software more understandable; he made computer software more affordable. Software has gone down in price, not up. Does anybody remember how difficult computers were before Microsoft? And for this the company is being persecuted. This is wrong.

Furthermore, from what I understand of the agreement, Microsoft has done a great deal to assuage the demands of the Department of Justice. Microsoft has agreed to help companies achieve a greater degree of reliability with regard to their networking software; Microsoft has agreed to document for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system; and has even agreed to a technical committee to monitor future adherence. I would not do as much.

Microsoft, through Bill Gates, has made this country's technological revolution. Microsoft and the Department of Justice have made peace. Let's honor it and go forward.

Sincerely,


Herb Zelikoff

